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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 7 May - 11 May 2001

Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 17 May 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EOB, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 6 June 2001: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at NARA, Washington, DC.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 17 June 2001: Historical Review Panel (HRP): Next meeting at CIA.

(U//~~AIUO~~) October 2001: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(U//~~AIUO~~) April 2003: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Continues To Receive Requests on Nazi War Criminals
(U//AIUO) The CIA continues to receive FOIA requests on Nazi war criminals since the Agency released its files on the six most notorious Nazis last year. This week the Public Information Release Division (PIRD) received one from an Arizona attorney, another from a Kentucky resident, and a third from a Connecticut doctor.

- *The FOIA case officer referred the requesters to the National Archives and Records Administration where these records were made available in accordance with the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act.* [redacted] (b)(3)

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(U//~~AIUO~~) National Security Archive Interested in Union Carbide Factory Accident in India
(U//~~AIUO~~) The National Security Archive submitted requests for information on "discussions with Indian national or state officials regarding Union Carbide's decision to build a Methyl Isocynate facility in Bhopal, India in 1975;" "Indian relief efforts for the December 2-3, 1984 leakage of Methyl Isocynate and other gases from [the] factory [and] the social and/or political implications of the disaster;" and "discussions with Indian national or state officials regarding the 1991 settlement between Union Carbide and the Indian government after the [disaster]."

- *CIA accepted the requests* [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(5)

(U//~~AIUO~~) California Professor Seeks Information on Noted Geophysicist
(U//~~AIUO~~) A professor with the University of California, San Diego, requested information on Edward C. Bullard (1907-1980), a British geophysicist honored by the Queen of England for his work in 1975.

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(U//~~AIUO~~) Requester Interested in Ian Fleming Memo to William Donovan

(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester with Smash Entertainment Group of Boston seeks a copy of "a 1944 memo from Ian Fleming to Bill Donovan in which Fleming reportedly asks Donovan how to set up an intelligence organization."

- *The FOIA case officer advised the requester that the majority of records from OSS and other predecessor organizations has been reviewed and turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The requester also was advised that she might contact the Army War College in Fort Carlisle, Pennsylvania where some of General Donovan's papers are stored.*
- *Although it does not meet the criteria of the requester, the FOIA case officer is aware of at least one CIA-held document relating to Ian Fleming: a charming letter penned by Fleming in 1961 that was located in Allen Dulles's papers:*

Transcription: 4 Old Mitre Court/Fleet Street, E.C.4 / Ludgate Circus 8655. / 14th September, 1961. / Dear [deletion], / Thank you very much for your note and I was delighted to inscribe a second copy for your Chief. Please give him my very warmest regards. [deletion] / Please also thank your Chief for the splendidly gallant services he and his organisation have always rendered on behalf of my good friend James Bond. I am sure James Bond himself would wish to associate himself with these sentiments, but unfortunately he is at present in Macao endeavouring to intercept the illicit shipment across the Straits of Goya's Iron Duke, recently purloined from the National Gallery. / I need not remind your Chief of the identity of the Chinese Communist official who has been responsible for organising the recent thefts of famous pictures from France, England, and now the United States, since the man's identity will surely be known in C.I.A. headquarters. / The object of this well-organised Chinese project is at the moment obscure, but it is thought to stem from Communist Chinese jealously of the famous collections of modern pictures in Moscow and Leningrad. / No doubt we shall have more precise information on James Bond's return. / With kindest regards, / Yours sincerely, / Ian Fleming (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) OIM Declassification Center

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(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: Inspector General in 1954 -- "CIA Must Simplify, Get More Men on Firing Line, and Cut Down HQ Bureaucracy"

(U//~~AIUO~~) Lyman Kirkpatrick, the CIA's Inspector General, in October, 1954, told the participants of an orientation course that the Agency was too inclined "... to observe the individual trees and not stand off at a distance to look at the forest." In the notes of the course, which were recently reviewed by the DCI team at the OIM Declassification Center, Mr. Kirkpatrick stated, "It is my worry and concern we might become so obsessed with the problem of the Soviet Union that we might forget the Soviet Union might collapse..." He outlined the CIA's three major weaknesses, as he saw them, "We are always trying to put out a fire .... We are not looking far enough ahead." The second weakness was, "bureaucracy", pointing out he was using the term in its most shameful context, and the third was complexity, "... we are getting too complex ... so complex that by the time instructions get to the agent, it is a wonder they are received correctly, let alone that they even get to him." Mr. Kirkpatrick summarized, "We must simplify our organization. We must

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get more men on the firing lines. We must cut down our Washington headquarters." (b)(3)

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